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VIOLENT WILLMAR GANG MEMBER DEPORTED BY ICE

Savage beating by illegal alien caused brain injury to Minnesota victim

BLOOMINGTON, Minn.— Detention and removal officers with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) today deported Kevin Javier Ballesillo-Selalla, an illegal alien and known gang member who was convicted in September of aggravated assault for beating a Willmar man so badly he suffered traumatic brain injury.

While living in Willmar, Ballesillo-Selalla, 23, of Honduras, had been using the name and Social Security Number belonging to a man named Rodolfo Hernandez, who actually lives in Texas. Ballesillo-Selalla had also used the aliases Rodolfo Hernandez and Ricardo Quintero.

“A priority for ICE is to get criminals off the streets,” said ICE Field Office Director Scott Banieceke. “Those who enter our country illegally have no right to be here, and those who commit serious crimes are at the top of our list for arrest and removal.” Banieceke oversees ICE's detention and removal efforts for a five-state area that includes Minnesota.



Ballesillo-Selalla was convicted Sept. 9 in Kandiyohi County district court of assault in the 3rd degree and was sentenced to one year and one day in prison. According to court records, Ballesillo-Selalla beat a Willmar man about the head so badly June 23 that he was hospitalized in Rice Memorial Hospital for weeks and diagnosed with traumatic brain injury. Ballesillo-Selalla had also been arrested several times for theft and traffic violations, and he was a known gang member.

Ballesillo-Selalla was transferred from Twin Cities, Minn. to Oakdale, La. yesterday, and today was escorted by ICE officers to Honduras on a U.S. government aircraft.

During fiscal year 2004, which ended Sept. 30, ICE detention and removal officers removed 3,152 criminal aliens and status violators from a five-state area that includes Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska and Iowa. Of that number, 1,488 were classified as criminal aliens after having been convicted of crimes such as drug offenses, assault and battery, armed robbery, rape, and fraud. The remaining 1,664 had committed immigration law violations.

NOTE: For a JPEG digital image file of Balleillo-Selalla, please contact Tim Counts at 952-853-2602 or via e-mail at Tim.Counts@dhs.gov.

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